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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AUSTRIA.

Trieste—Plague Rats on Vessel.

A report from the American embassy at Vienna, Austria, July 11, states: On Friday, July 7, the sanitary commission of Trieste, on examination of the conditions on board the steamship *Africana*, chartered by the Austro-American Steamship Line, and but lately returned from Buenos Aires, discovered dead rats in the hold, which were shown by bacteriological examination to have died of bubonic plague. By order of the commission work on board was stopped at once and the vessel was towed from her pier into the harbor, where she will remain under quarantine until further orders. None of the crew has developed symptoms of the disease, but they will be kept under close observation.

CHINA.

Hongkong—Plague.

Surg. Brown reports: During the week ended June 15, 126 cases of plague, with 104 deaths, and during the week ended June 22, 127 cases of plague, with 99 deaths, were reported in Hongkong.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Liverpool—Case of Plague.

A seven-year-old boy sick with plague was sent to hospital July 26.

GUATEMALA.

Sanitary Status of Ports and Inland Towns.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ames reported July 4:

LIVINGSTON.

Livingston is the capital of the Department of Yzabal and the residence of the American consular agent who has the ports of Livingston, Santo Tomas, and Puerto Barrios in his district. The town is situated on a high bluff facing the sea at the mouth of the Rio Dulce. Drainage excellent. Water supply: Rain water stored in unscreened cisterns, all containing stegomyia larvæ. Prevailing diseases: Malaria, dysentery, whooping cough, and mumps. Loading of ships: In open sea about 1 mile from shore. Imports: General merchandise and construction material from Europe and United States. Exports: Coffee, hides, and deerskins to Europe, and bananas to Mobile.